

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

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0500-0614

Case Title:

Village of Crestwood, IL

Reporting Office:

Chicago, IL, Area Office

Subject of Report:

Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on April 29, 2009.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), RAC

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SYNOPSIS

On 4/29/09, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Village Clerk for Crestwood, was interviewed. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) acknowledged (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was aware that Well #1 was being used as a source of drinking water from time to time, in addition to drinking water the Village purchases from the city of Alsip. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) denied having any knowledge that the drinking water in the well was contaminated.

DETAILS

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by RAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and RAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) identified themselves to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and requested an interview to discuss the Village's drinking water. The interview was done in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) office. There were breaks in the interview, as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was assisting SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in contacting an individual familiar with the Village's computer system. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following information:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had no role in the preparation of Monthly Monitoring drinking water reports and that this is a function of the water department. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised currently (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a Village employee who works at the main village office, assist with these reports. Prior to this, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assistant worked on the reports. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is now the Chief of Police and has been in this position for nine to ten months.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was the Deputy Village Clerk, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did the billing for the water department.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated Public Works takes the meter readings for how much water

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is used. The Village receives a copy from the city of Alsip that reports how much water the Village draws from them.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was asked who instructs Public Works to use Well #1 located in the Village of Crestwood as a source of drinking water. (b) advised that (b) thinks this would come from the Mayor or the Director, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), but (b) (6), (b) would have been most likely told by the Mayor.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) acknowledged (b) was aware that Well #1 was being used as a source of drinking water from time to time, in addition to the water the Village purchases from the city of Alsip. (b) advised the use of Well #1 never phased (b) because (b) had no knowledge that Well #1 could not be used. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) denied any knowledge of Well #1 being contaminated, until recently when (b) was informed of this.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) does not know the frequency with which Well #1 was used. (b) advised (b) is not aware of any citizen complaints about the quality of water.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) acknowledged being familiar with the annual Consumer Confidence Report. (b) advised that the report, to (b) knowledge, is put together by the Water Department and Public Works and that it is published once a year in the newspaper. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) replied that (b) (6), (b) (7) used to participate in this report but now (b) (6), (b) is assisting in the report. (b) (6), (b) (7) and (b) (6), (b), to (b) knowledge, would work with the Superintendent to complete the report.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was shown a copy of a Monthly Report and asked if (b) was familiar with the document. (b) advised that (b) was not.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was shown a copy of Crestwood's Annual Consumer Confidence Report and asked if (b) was familiar with the report. (b) said yes, and that this is the report that water department puts together annually. SA (b) (6), (b) identified to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that the source of the water supply was identified only as coming from the city of Alsip and that there was no reference to Well #1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) never recognized that the source of water was only identified as the city of Alsip.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) knowledge of the use of Well #1 was from hearing conversations in the office. (b) recalled hearing the reference of Well #1 being used in conversation with the Superintendent and maybe with (b) (6), (b) (7).

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reiterated to SA's that (b) (6) had no direct knowledge that Well #1 was contaminated. (b) (6) advised (b) (6) belief was that it was just extra water for use.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised since the story of the contaminated well came out in the media, no one has conferred with (b) (6) about having knowledge that the well was in fact contaminated and/or that the Village was hiding the use of the water in the well intentionally from the public and EPA.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) commented that (b) (6) and (b) (6) family have been using the drinking water supplied by the Village for years and no one in (b) (6) family has fallen sick.

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